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1. MEDIA LED WITH STORIES OF ADF ACTIONS IN LEBANON.  
PRESS DECLARED POSITIVE EFFECTS ADF MOVES ON LEBANESE  
INTERNAL SITUATION AND HEADLINED: "THE STATE OF ARMED  
CONFLICT HAS COME TO AN END." TISHRIIN LED WITH EXCLUSIVE  
INTERVIEW UN SYG WALDHEIM GRANTED ITS EDITOR. IT BANNERED:  
"WALDHEIM CONDEMNS ISRAEL'S POLICY IN OCCUPIED LANDS AND  
CALLS FOR COMPREHENSIVE SOLUTION AFTER FAILURE OF STEP-BY-  
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STEP DIPLOMACY."

2. ARTICLES ON BEIRUT GAVE ATTENTION TO STATEMENTS  
OF PRIMIN HUSS AND FONMIN BUTROS ON SECURITY SITUATION  
AND FUTURE OF COUNTRY. HUSS QUOTED AS SAYING "ADF WILL  
NOT HESITATE STORM ANY PLACE WHERE WEAPONS ARE HIDDEN...NOR  
WILL IT TOLERATE ANY MANIFESTATION OF PARTITION." FONMIN

BUTROS: "ADF ARE ALLIED FORCES CONSTITUTING TEMPORARY SUBSTITUTE FOR THE LEBANESE ARMY AND INTERNAL SECURITY FORCES."

3. DURING JAN. 25 PRESS CONFERENCE, KAMAL SHATILA ADVOCATED ESTABLISHMENT OF TRIBUNALS TO EXECUTE MURDERERS AND KIDNAPPERS. ARTICLE ALSO REPORTED HIS EXPRESSED DESIRE TO ESTABLISH DIALOGUE WITH "ANY PARTIES WHICH REJECT PARTITION". RE OTHER LEFTIST GROUPS "ISOLATED FROM THE ARAB LINE," SHATILA SAID, "THIS IS WHY WE OPENLY SAY THERE WILL BE NO DIALOGUE WITH THE NATIONALIST MOVEMENT (READ JUMBLATT) UNLESS IT REVIEWS ITS ACTIONS AND EXERCISES SELF-CRITICISM." FINALLY, IN DEALING WITH RESTRUCTURING LEBANON'S POLITICAL SYSTEM, SHATILA DECLARED THAT NEED FOR SECURITY PROCEEDED ALL OTHER MATTERS AND STATED, "THE FIRST CONCERN IS UNITY OF LEBANON. AFTER THAT, WE CAN DETERMINE NATURE OF POLITICAL ENTITY...WE WILL CARRY ON THE STRUGGLE RELENTLESSLY FOR SAKE OF LEBANON'S UNITY AND ARABISM."

4. TISHRIIN EDITOR, DR. GHASSAN RAFI'I, INTERVIEWED SYG WALDHEIM IN N.Y, WHEN ASKED ABOUT THE ALLEGED ISRAELI VIOLATIONS OF UNGA RESOLUTIONS, WALDHEIM REPLIED THAT UN HAD ISSUED NUMBER OF RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS RE SITUATION IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND ISRAEL'S "INHUMAN PRACTICES" THERE. THESE RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ARE CLEAR AND CONCLUSIVE AND THEY CONDEMN ALL MEASURES WHICH ISRAEL HAD CARRIED OUT. I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO ADD TO THESE RESOLUTIONS BECAUSE THEY UNCLASSIFIED

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CONTAIN ALL THE REQUIRED CONDEMNATION AND DENUNCIATION". IN REGARD TO GENEVA CONFERENCE, WALDHEIM STATED ALL PARTIES READY PARTICIPATE AT GENEVA BUT EACH PARTY HAD ITS OWN POINT OF VIEW RE MANNER AND DATE OF ITS CONVENING. WALDHEIM EXPRESSED HOPE THAT CONFERENCE WOULD CONVENE EARLY NEXT SPRING. PALESTINIAN PARTICIPATION AT CONFERENCE CALLED "AMONG MOST PRESSING AND ESSENTIAL ISSUES."

5. EDITORIAL IN AL-BAATH TOOK SWIPE AT U.S., TERMING LEBANESE WAR "AMONG KISSINGER'S LAST ACHIEVEMENTS. IT WAS ALSO THE LAST ATTEMPT BY THE PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATION TO UNDERMINE POSITIVE RESULTS OF THE OCTOBER WAR AND TO REND ARAB SOLIDARITY..."

6. EDITORIAL IN AL-THAWRAH DEALT WITH U.S. ROLE IN SETTLEMENT, STATING THAT WHEN U.S. FELT ITS VITAL INTERESTS IN AREA IN JEOPARDY DUE TO EFFECTIVE ARAB STAND, IT WOULD BE FORCED TO CHANGE "ITS HOSTILE ATTITUDE" TOWARD ARABS. EDITORIAL URFEED ARABS TO UNIFY THEMSELVES IN ORDER TO

INFLUENCE "BALANCE OF ARAB-ZIONIST" CONFLICT.  
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